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1. Deportations of personnel employed at the Gema (Berlin Institute) Installation in Berlin-Köpenick took place on 20, 21, and 22 October 1946. Personnel, some of whom went voluntarily, were visited either on the evening of 20 October or in the early morning of 21 October, given contracts to sign, and then were loaded onto trucks with their families and household goods. The contracts are reported to have been financially very favorable, with food and lodging provided by the Soviet Government for the workers and their families during two years' employment in the USSR.

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2. [REDACTED] three types of personnel were deported or went of their own volition:

- a) Department heads capable of reorganizing their groups in Russia;
- b) Personnel of little ability who have worked hard at impressing the Russians;
- c) Technicians, such as expert draughtsmen, who have worked on some of the Gema projects initiated by the German Army and who are acquainted with all phases of their particular work. Some employees in this category were not evacuated, it is said, because of their somewhat antagonistic attitude towards the Russians.

Departments Affected

3. Approximately 100 specialists and engineers were evacuated from the following departments at Gema:

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| a) Kreisel, RG | 30 men |
| b) Fernlenk-Hochfrequenz (remote control steering through radar) | 40 men |
| c) Rheintochter | 6 men |
| d) Flak mit Raketenantrieb (rocket propelled shell) | ? |
| e) Triebwerk (rocket development) | ? |

4. The above departments had been working against a 1 October deadline and their research work had been completed.
5. The following departments, with a 1 December deadline, have been left undisturbed so far: Schmetterling, HE-293, and Henschel Körper.
6. On the evening of 21 October, the Soviet executive at Gema stated that he was not advised of the evacuation of personnel until 19 October, when he was told that skeleton staffs of departments which had completed their developments on schedule would be shipped. He knows neither the deportees' destination nor if they are all to stay together. According to this officer, projects similar to the one at Gema have already been set up in the USSR and are developing Gema research.

25X1 Comment: [redacted] the entire "Relais" department has been evacuated, together with families of personnel, whereas only the heads of other departments have departed.

7. Between 0400 and 0600 hours on 22 October, the following Gema personalities left for Russia: Dr. Trommsdorf, Dr. Siegmund, Richter, Burkhardt, Klose, and Eitzenberger. The latter was accompanied by thirteen staff members.

25X1 Comment: [redacted] Eitzenberger's removal but gives the number of staff members accompanying him as 15. Eitzenberger earlier was reported as being in charge of Schmetterling development.

8. Also on 22 October, Major Julius made a speech to foremen and engineers in the Telefunken section, stating that the 15 men (presumably Eitzenberger's group) had signed contracts some time ago for this evacuation, but that those remaining at Gema would continue working. A Dr. Linke will replace Eitzenberger. Families of the 15 men are to remain in Köpenick for the time being.

Comment: Unless he has enjoyed rapid upgrading since July, "Major" Julius is a lieutenant.

25X1 Recent Gema Production Notes

9. The following items, submitted in early October [redacted] before the deportation, add slightly to earlier information on Gema activities:

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- a) The Zeiss Group is developing the Rothkäppchen, a powder rocket guided by cables.
- b) The Burckhardt Group is working on the Taifun, a Salvengeschütz designed to fire sixty shells simultaneously.

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Comment: This very likely refers to a multiple rocket launcher, since the recoil caused by such a number of shells would be too great.

- c) Naval sound instruments, turbines, steering apparatus, radar installations and other ship equipment are being made. These are shipped via Neubrandenburg and Demmin to Stralsund for mounting. Measuring, acoustic, and optical instruments are supplied by Zeiss at Jena.

Comment: Cf an earlier report on Gema naval activity dated 22-23 September 1946.

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